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FAC Spotlight: Kentucky Business Registration Website Wins Coveted Digital Government Achievement Award

Annual awards are most coveted recognition for outstanding government portals, websites

Kentucky's newly revamped business registration Web portal, **onestop.ky.gov**, has received a 2015 Digital Government Achievement Award in the government-to-business category from the Center for Digital Government.

"Making it easier to do business in Kentucky has been a high priority of my administration," said Governor Steve Beshear. "We've focused on ways to make navigating state government much easier for businesses, and this award is evidence of our success in that area."

Small businesses are helping drive Kentucky's economy. Kentucky's unemployment rate is currently at 5.2 percent and has been below the national average for one year.



"We created the Office of Entrepreneurship to provide support to new business owners, angel investors and banks to encourage small business creation," Gov. Beshear said. "Our Web

portal is another example of Kentucky going the extra mile to encourage business creation and job growth."

In June, a new version of the <u>onestop.ky.gov</u> portal launched, making is easier for newly registered businesses to interact with the Office of the Kentucky Secretary of State and the Kentucky Department of Revenue. Phase two of the new site is expected to launch in October and will enable existing businesses to access their historical transactions with the Secretary of State and Department of Revenue.

"The portal allows businesses to file reports, pay taxes, apply for licenses or conduct other business with these two agencies," said Lori H. Flanery, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

Follow the Golf Trail Throughout Kentucky for KECC

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The Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC) just released the KECC Golf Trail Scramble schedule. All scrambles are open to the public.

Through KECC state employees may contribute to seven state-approved federated organizations representing over 1,000 charitable programs and services in Kentucky.



Below is the list of upcoming events:

Sept. 17 - Connemara Golf Course - Nicholasville, KY Sept. 18 - Raven Rock Golf Course - Jenkins, KY Sept. 25 - Crooked Creek Golf Club - London, KY Oct. - 8 Sugar Camp Golf Club - Jackson, KY Oct. 16 - Juniper Hill Golf Course - Frankfort, KY

For more information on these events including registration visit KECC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GOKECC/events

"Many agencies have collaborated to enhance the portal's functionality. This award reflects all our hard work."

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute focused on technology policy and best practices in state and local government.



In its 20th year, the annual Best of the Web (BOW) are the most coveted state and local government awards that recognize city, county and state governments for outstanding portals and websites based on innovation, functionality, productivity and performance.

"These winners are recognized for responsive and mobile-first design, open government, open data, improved transparency and integration with social media," said Todd Sander, executive director of the Center for Digital Government. "Congratulations to the awardees for their impressive work to make government more accessible and responsive to citizens."

The Kentucky Business One Stop Portal was created in 2011 to simplify and streamline business interactions with different government agencies. It is a partnership of the Office of the Secretary of State, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Cabinet for Economic Development and the Commonwealth Office of Technology. Additional agencies and services will be added in future enhancements.

For a list of winners, go to www.govtech.com/cdg/.

Kentuckians Encouraged to Serve as Poll Workers for Nov. 3 General Election

One of Americans most important civil rights is to participate in the democratic process of electing government officials. Another important aspect of elections is for citizens to serve as poll workers.

That's exactly why the Kentucky Secretary of State's office is encouraging Kentuckians to consider serving as poll worker in the upcoming Nov. 3 General Election.

According to the SOS, approximately 15,000 poll workers are needed to administer the statewide election.



"Serving as a poll worker is both important in running our elections and personally rewarding," said Secretary Alison Lundergan Grimes. "Poll workers are on the front lines of the democratic process, and this is an excellent opportunity to participate in shaping the future of your community and state."

Finance Cabinet attorney Pat Mcgee, who's been a poll worker for several years said, "My years as a poll worker has taught me a lot about election law in Kentucky. More importantly, it has taught me how the rules actually work in practice. Being a poll worker is a great way for anyone to become involved in the political process. "

To be qualified to be a poll worker, a person must be 18 years old on or before Nov. 3, 2015, be an eligible voter, not have changed party affiliation within one year prior to appointment, and not be either a candidate or the spouse, parent, brother, sister or child of a candidate to be voted for in the election.

Each precinct in the state must have four poll workers serving on the day of the election. Poll workers are paid at least \$60 per election, plus additional compensation for mileage and mandatory training.

For more information or to sign up to become a poll worker, contact your county clerk or your party's county executive committee. State government employees are allowed four hours off to vote on Nov. 3.



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September 15 - Frankfort

Frankfort Convention Center 405 Mero St. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

September 16 - Louisville

Muhammad Ali Center 144 N. Sixth St. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attend a Kentucky Deferred Compensation expo and discover how you can become financially ready for your future. An exciting new workshop. Retirement Readiness, is available at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Be sure to register for door prizes. Must be present to win. For more information, please visit our website, kentuckydcp.com,or call 1-800-542-2667. Use the following checklist as you visit the expo:

- Meet with KDC retirement specialists to discuss your account, enroll, increase your deferrals, and consolidate assets.
- Meet with KDC staff to update your address, name, and beneficiaries, exchange funds, discuss payout options and loans.
- Meet with KRS, Social Security, and KTRS representatives to discuss additional retirement options. (Availability may vary by location.)
- Pick up your Certificate of Attendance to share with your supervisor. Two hours of paid time off, plus reasonable travel time, are available for state employees to attend one expo. All other employees must discuss attendance with their employer. Please coordinate your expo attendance with your supervisor. No pre-registration required.

If you're interested in learning more about broadband, fiber-to-the-premise, Google Fiber and more, then you don't want to miss the upcoming Fiber for the New Economy conference in Lexington, Sept. 15—18.



Fiber For The New Economy

Lexington, KY September 15-18, 2015



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